

FORM B - BUILDING

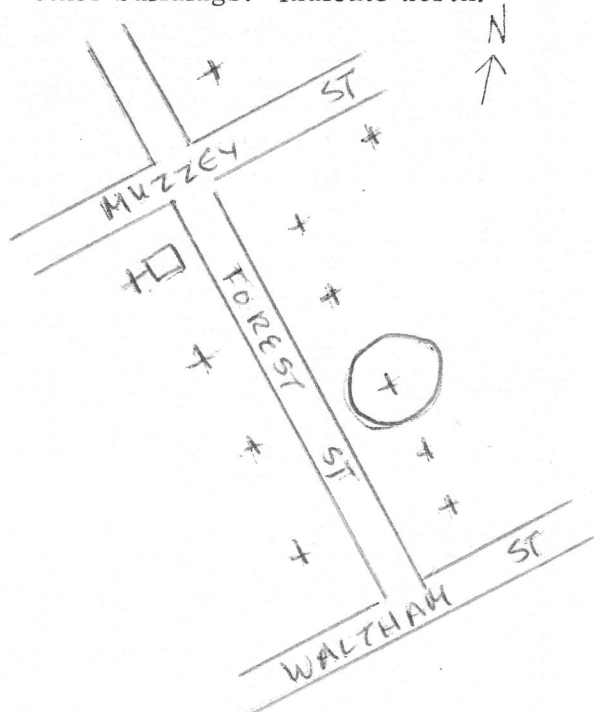
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. K	Form no. 428 581
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m Lexington
 ress 5 Forest St.
 Before 1910 Mr. Charles T. West
 ne (Undertaker) & Ward; Miss Smith (no
 relative of Allen Smith)
 sent use Dwelling
 Lived here since 1910
 sent owner Mrs. Allen Smith (age 93)
 since 1910
 cription:
 e Before 1875
 Source Map of 1875 & Mrs. Smith
 e Queen Anne

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboard & shingle
 Outbuildings (describe) 2 story clapboard, ridge roof barn w/bay door
 Other features Brick foundation. Lattice under porch-concrete front steps. Door has lights on sides and above
 Altered X See over Date 1890s
 Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less 5277 ft.² Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 76'
 Approximate distance of building from street
5'

6. Recorded by Anne Grady, Nancy S. Seasholes
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is close to commercial development. 3 storey ridge roof gable end to street. 14' wide porch runs across front left. Turned posts, dentils below overhang. Bay to right of door. 1 story -1 room addition to rt. of bay in 1930's as well as 2 story cross gable addition behind it. (These enlarge liv.rm. din.rm. + 1 bedroom. Fire place added in liv. rm.) Din. room window projects & is leaded glass. In 1910 was a stained glass window to left of front door. Small entablature at top of 2nd story. Porch at 2nd story level over liv. rm. addition. 3rd. story shingled, lower course serrated, Left side had indented portion in 1910. Chimneys (2) on ridge, 1 dormer. 2nd floor right rear overhangs lower (dining) room. Stair on left of hall goes straight up then curves to right at top.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community:

Lexington

Form No:

428

Property Name: 5 Forest Street

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This building very likely began as a Mansard roof cottage similar to its neighbors. A reference in the Lexington Minute Man indicates that owner C.T. West added a second story in the 1890s. Noteworthy features include the vase-shaped turned porch posts and blusters which repeat on a smaller scale the shape of the posts. This is one of the few properties in the area to retain a barn.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Unlike its neighbors, which were built as rental properties, this house was occupied by its owner, Charles T. West. In the 1887 Directory, West is listed as having an "insurance office at the coal yards," but from 1894 on he was also an undertaker with an office on Massachusetts Avenue.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1876 map

1889 map

1898 map

1906 map

1887 Directory

1894 Directory

1899 Directory

1906 Directory

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